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## WANTS CONGRESS ADJOURNED

Leaders Meet and Plan to Expedite Legislation So Congress May Adjourn to Take Part in the Coming Campaign.

Washington, July 12.—Democratic and republican leaders in the senate will hold a conference today to discuss measures of expediting important legislation so that congress may adjourn for the political campaign. Republican senators yesterday appointed a committee to confer with the democrats on the subject. The democratic steering committee also met, decided on a legislative program and voted to hold the senate in session nine hours daily until it is completed. The navy and army appropriation bills, the shipping, the child labor and corrupt practices measure and the \$200,000,000 revenue bill were listed as the imperative legislation on the program. Conservation measures will be laid aside until next session, and action on the pending immigration bill probably also will be deferred.

The attitude of republican senators reflected in yesterday's conference aroused hope of a reasonably early adjournment. General sentiment seemed to be against a filibuster on the shipping or revenue bills.

Democratic members of the finance committee began work on the house revenue bill yesterday. Some amendments are under consideration, one of them to eliminate the proposed copper tax. There also may be some re-adjustment of the income tax schedule, but it is declared there will be no reduction of the exemption limit. Today the democrats of the commerce committee will complete a revision of the shipping bill and it will be reported to the senate from the whole committee Thursday.

## FLA. COM. BODIES MEET IN ORLANDO

East Coast, North Florida and South Florida Chambers of Commerce Will Probably Consolidate. Florida First Commission Also In Session.

Orlando, Fla., July 12.—With a meeting of the Florida First Commission to be held today, and a session of the East Coast Chamber of Commerce being held, Orlando is the scene of much activity. Hotels are well filled and everything is being done for the accommodation of the guests. Some important measures are before the Florida East Coast Chamber of Commerce, as resolutions are being considered for uniting that body with the South Florida Chamber of Commerce and the North Florida Chamber of Commerce.

An executive committee meeting of the South Florida Chamber of Commerce to consider the question of uniting the organizations is in progress. A joint session of these two bodies will be held today, when the proposition for consolidation will be open for discussion. Large numbers of people from all over the state are arriving with every train, and many in automobiles.

The Florida First Commission, which has as its purpose the advertising of Florida as a section of the country without bias to any one section, will meet today, with many of the state's most prominent business men in attendance. Much interest in the work of this commission is being exhibited.

## SCHILLER TRIES TO ESCAPE FROM ATLANTA PEN.

Atlanta, Ga., July 11.—Ernest Schiller, serving a life sentence in the United States penitentiary here for conspiracy in connection with his single-handed capture of the British steamer *Mattepo* off the Delaware coast March 24, escaped from the prison yesterday, but was captured before he had gone fifty yards beyond the walls. According to the warden, Schiller, who was employed in the tailor shop adjoining the east wing of the penitentiary now under construction, ran up a ladder to the new wall and jumped to the ground. He was caught without resistance by Teamster Studen, a prison employe.

## GERMAN SUB. NOT A WAR VESSEL

U. S. Examining Officers Decide That Deutschland Could In No Wise Be Considered a War Vessel. Allies Protested Status of the Vessel.

Baltimore, Md., July 12.—Confident that the efforts of the diplomatic representatives of the entente allies to have his vessel classed as a war ship and interned will prove unavailing, Captain Paul Konig, master of the German submarine *Deutschland*, is preparing to leave port on his return voyage within ten days.

Captain Konig expressed satisfaction last night but no surprise when informed that three American naval officers, who inspected the *Deutschland* yesterday, had reported that not only was she an unarmed merchant vessel now, but was so constructed that she could not be converted into a war craft without virtually being rebuilt. Captain Konig said he could only reiterate that the *Deutschland*, like other submarines built or building for Germany's new undersea merchant fleet, was designed solely as a freight carrier.

At least eight of these vessels, it was learned authoritatively here, now are building at Kiel, and with these in addition to the *Deutschland* and the *Bremen*, already en route for an American port. Germany expects in a measure to re-establish her lost commerce and mail communication with the rest of the world.

The torpedo being a submarine's essential weapon to make her effective as a war craft, it was the possibility that the *Deutschland* might be pierced for torpedo tubes that was the chief concern of the American naval officers headed by Captain C. F. Hughes, who inspected the vessel yesterday. Not only were none found, but an examination of the forward part of the vessel's hull, where torpedo tubes would naturally be located, revealed, it was learned, that the structure was not substantial enough to contain them.

Before the *Deutschland* could be deemed like a German naval submarine, entire reconstruction forward would be necessary. This fact was sufficient in the minds of the American experts to warrant their decision that the *Deutschland* could in no wise be considered a war vessel.

The possibility that guns could be mounted on her superstructure was understood to have been considered also. But there were neither guns nor emplacements in evidence.

Captain Hughes and his associates were given the entire freedom of the ship and there was no space within the interior that they did not explore. The *Deutschland's* commander was not present during the examination, as he was not notified that the navy officers were coming.

Captain Hughes and his assistants, Lieutenant Fisher, of the bureau of steam engineering, and Naval Constructor Howard, spent more than two hours in the vessel. Captain Hughes, declined to discuss what he had seen, but said that not only did the young officer who escorted them through the boat freely answer all questions, but even volunteered information.

## GOOD MANNERS.

We doubt most seriously if either the home or the school is attaching the importance to the teaching of good manners that they should. It is not the purpose of this article to give a lesson on good manners, to tell how and what should be taught so much as to impress the necessity for such instruction. The way will be found if parents and teachers can be brought to a full realization of the necessity. The following gems of thought from three masters may be committed with profit:

"Give a boy dress and accomplishments," says Emerson, "and you give him the mastery of palaces and fortunes wherever he goes. He has not the trouble to earn or own them; they solicit him to enter and possess."

Chesterfield wrote to his son, "All your Greek can never advance you from secretary to envoy, or from envoy to ambassador, but your address, your air, your manner, if good, may."

"The difference between a well bred man and an ill-bred man is this," said Samuel Johnson. "One immediately attracts your attention, the other your aversion. You love one until you find he is not as good as he seems; you hate the other until you find he is not as bad as he seems."

## PLAGUE CAUSES 32 MORE DEATHS

Intense Heat in New York Making Children More Liable to Dreaded Disease. 195 New Cases, But Epidemic Is Not Spreading So Much.

New York, July 12.—Intense heat yesterday added to the burdens of the health authorities in their fight to check the spread of infantile paralysis, which took a toll of thirty-two lives in the twenty-four hours ending at 10 a. m. The depressing temperature, it was explained, tends to reduce the physical resistance of children against possible contagion.

Federal and city health officials took an optimistic view of the situation last night, notwithstanding that 195 new cases had been reported, on the ground that the co-operative work of the various city departments has resulted in preventing the epidemic from spreading geographically.

The campaign to educate dwellers in the densely populated parts of the city that cleanliness is the important preventive of the disease, is having such excellent results that health officials predicted last night the usual summer epidemic of typhoid fever will be diminished considerably.

A conference was held yesterday between federal health experts and officials of the Rockefeller Institute to talk over plans for discovering the germ of infantile paralysis, if possible.

The precautions being taken by mothers in the congested districts have caused suffering to thousands of youngsters. Fire escapes of tenement houses have been packed, and babies have been seen in almost every window, while few babies have been allowed in the streets.

Communities immediately surrounding New York City show increasing fear that they will be infected with infantile paralysis from children fleeing the plague in the metropolis. A number of cities and towns in New Jersey and New York have established quarantines, and some are turning back all children from New York City. Paterson, N. J., which has had one death from the disease, has excluded all children. It was announced there that 500 children from New York have already been deported.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

A large per cent. of the freeholders of the Winter Haven section of Polk county, the county that recently voted a \$1,500,000 bond issue, have signed a petition calling for a good roads bond election for their section. This petition calls for the expenditure of \$300,000.

A two-story brick business block will soon be erected in Sarasota by a Chicago capitalist.

Tampa people are figuring on purchasing a large Mississippi river steamer, capable of carrying 1,800 passengers. If purchased, this boat will be used for excursion service out of Tampa.

The Baptist congregation of Valrico are preparing to build a handsome church.

Three new Curtiss aeroplanes arrived at the aero station at Pensacola recently. The new flyers came direct from the factory of that company, and were soon assembled at the station and will be given a trial flight in the near future. Each of the machines have all the latest improvements.

Thirteen car loads of water melons were recently shipped out of Grand Ridge on one train, making a total of fifteen cars for that day. This is the largest shipment for one day in the town's history. Many more cars are being daily shipped out.

The board of county commissioners of Manatee county have levied a special agricultural tax, which will raise over \$2,000, all of which will be used in employing a county farm demonstration agent and in encouraging the Boys' Corn Club and Girls' Canning Club.

The people of Ocala are rejoicing over the fact that this week the new sewerage system that has cost them \$100,000 will be ready for use.

Congressman W. J. Sears is endeavoring to get the federal government to build a \$40,000 postoffice building in Kissimmee. An excellent lot on which the proposed building will be constructed has already been purchased.

## ALLIES TAKE GERMAN LINES

After Ten Days' Struggle Allies Take Eight Miles of Teutons' First Line Trenches. British Capture Trones Woods.

London, July 12.—The capture of the whole of the German first system of defense on a front of nearly eight miles, after ten days and nights of continuous fighting, was announced in the official report from British headquarters in France last night. The number of prisoners taken exceeds 7,500.

The British yesterday recaptured nearly the whole of the Trones wood, the war office announces. All but the northernmost end of the wood is again in British hands.

London, July 12.—The British finally have captured the fiercely contested town of Contalmaison, north of the river Somme, in France, after desperate day and night fighting, and now are holding it against all German counter attacks. The British also are in possession of the greater part of Mametz wood, and have recaptured nearly the whole of the Trones wood.

On the eastern front the German official communication admits that the fighting on the Stokhod line is approaching Kovel on both sides of the railway, but claims that the Russians have been driven back near Huleviche.

Yesterday's news was of sustained and heavy fighting almost on all fronts, the allies making consistent progress, with only occasional setbacks.

The importance the Germans have attached to Contalmaison may be measured by the fact that they recently threw the Prussian Guards into the fighting at this point.

A striking illustration of the differences in the relative positions of the allied and Teutonic forces and of the remarkable change from the monotonous defensive trench warfare which characterized the allied operations for so many weary months, until the present summer, is found in the number of prisoners and guns taken. These for the battle of the Somme amount to 22,000 prisoners and 104 guns captured from the Germans, while the official figures for the Russian General Brusiloff's drive to the 10th of July are 271,620 prisoners, 312 guns and 866 machine guns.

## GREAT PROGRESS MADE IN CITRUS CANCKER FIGHT.

Jacksonville, July 11.—According to the report of the state plant board at the regular session in this city, the citrus cancker fight in the state is well in hand, and with a force of 187 men, or two and one-half times the number employed at the same time last year, the members of the board declare the outlook for the elimination of the disease is promising. It was shown for the month of June just past, 50 per cent. less cancker was found in the entire state than was found in Dade county last year, covering the same period of time.

Of the appropriation of \$300,000 by the United States government to aid in the fight against the disease in the southern states, Florida's share was about \$150,000. Of this the plant board has expended \$160,000, leaving a balance from the federal appropriation of \$41,000. During the month of June the board used \$2,900 from the state appropriation of \$125,000 passed by the last legislature, and according to the statement of Secretary J. H. Kellum, there is only a small amount of the state's appropriation left to conduct the fight.

## IMPEACHMENT OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY DROPPED

Washington, July 12.—Impeachment proceedings against United States District Attorney Marshall, of New York, were tabled by the house judiciary committee which by a divided vote adopted a resolution recommending to the house that no further proceedings be taken against him.

## CONGRESSMAN KENT TO AID WILSON.

New York, July 12.—Congressman William Kent, of California, it was announced here last night, has notified the organizers of the Woodrow Wilson Independent League of his willingness to become head of the organization. Mr. Kent was elected to congress as an independent republican.

## FLOOD GREAT CALAMITY TO GA.

Decatur County Greatest Loser. Entire Tobacco Crop Destroyed. Many Rivers Continue to Rise. One Negro Drowned in Cotton Patch.

Savannah, Ga., July 12.—Dispatches last night from Bainbridge and other towns in that part of southern Georgia describe the flood conditions there as the worst calamity that has ever befallen that section. In Decatur county, which seems to have suffered the worst, the damage to crops and other property is now placed at \$750,000. The entire tobacco crop there is ruined, it is said.

The Flint river, which overflowed its banks Sunday night, has reached a twenty-seven foot stage, and with continued heavy rains yesterday, was still rising, gradually extending the flooded area. Spring Creek, which flooded many thousands acres of farming land, is believed to be slowly receding, leaving destruction in its wake. In the western part of Decatur county the Chattahoochee river has laid waste many plantations.

In Miller county it is said that there is only one small bridge that withstood the torrent. The town of Babcock was flooded when the huge dam at the plant of the Babcock Lumber Company gave way. The mill itself is half submerged.

In the vicinity of Albany, near which place the bridge of the Georgia Southern and Gulf Railway over the Muckassee creek was swept away, the streams have begun to recede. Traffic over the Central of Georgia Railway is still tied up west of Albany, where Notchaway creek, in Calhoun county, overflowed its banks. A great deal of damage has been done in that section to crops, which were far advanced toward maturity. A negro who tried to swim a pond in a cotton field near Albany was drowned.

The United States district court, which convened in Albany Monday, has been unable to transact business, owing to the inability of jurors, witnesses and litigants to reach the city.

Reports of great damage to crops, roadways and railway trestles reached here from Arlington, which has been isolated for four days. All bridges on the G. F. and A. and the Central of Georgia in that section were washed away. Much cotton is under water, and it was still raining there last night.

Railroads everywhere are making great efforts to resume traffic over their lines, but it will be several days before they can approach former schedules. The Georgia, Florida and Alabama Railway had hopes of moving a train late last night out of Cuthbert, where a great quantity of mail has been delayed.

Around Waycross another hard rain fell yesterday, delaying repairs on railway lines. Through traffic between Waycross and Montgomery has been resumed over the Atlantic Coast Line, but trains are running far behind schedules.

## IMPORTANT MEASURES KEEP CONGRESS BUSY.

Washington, July 11.—Congress has begun another week with slender prospects of adjournment. Four of the administration's most important bills remain to be put through, and democratic leaders see chances of a session lasting into the fall. The bills keeping members of congress here when many are anxious to get away to participate in the political campaign are the army and navy appropriation bills, the shipping bill and the administration's \$197,000,000 revenue measure. The army and navy bills, increased by millions by the senate committee, face stubborn resistance on the floor. The republicans are said to be prepared to fight the ship bill with a filibuster.

The senate will take up the navy bill this week, when the agricultural bill is out of the way. Passing the revenue bill, the house probably will start work on the general dem bill.

## WIN-UP THREATENED IN SOUTH AMERICA

Washington, July 11.—Official dispatches received by the state department say secret agreements have been made between Peru and Venezuela to seize valuable lands whose ownership they dispute with Colombia and Ecuador. Grave results are feared.

## PINELLAS ROADS BEING PAVED

Four Miles of Brick Roads Already Completed and Construction On All Others Begun. \$750,000 To Be Expended.

St. Petersburg, Fla., July 12.—Pinellas county's system of brick highways is now under construction, and the work has reached a point where it shows what is being done. The contractors, the Edwards Construction Company, of Tampa, has laid four miles of brick roads from Largo south towards St. Petersburg on Missouri avenue, and grading to the Seminole bridge is about completed. In two or three weeks the brick will all be laid between the bridge and Largo. This will give St. Petersburg a fine road all the way to Clearwater. Shoulders are to be put in before the road is opened to traffic, but this work will not require a long time. Brick to be used on the highway through the Jungle, from the golf course to the Seminole bridge, was delivered yesterday, and is to be laid by a big gang of men who will rush the work.

By early fall one will be able to go from this city to Largo over a brick road. Work on the Haines road, leading from Pinellas Park to Safety Harbor, is to be started soon. When this road is completed the route between this city and Tampa will be cut about ten miles, and it is expected that the cut-off will be used by traffic between the two cities.

Pinellas county is spending \$715,000 on roads and expects to have a fine system by this time next year. Millions of brick have been bought by the contractor, and no delay in construction will come from fault of the contractor, who is determined to finish the work in time.

## KNOWLES HAS BEEN RELEASED

Charged With Complicity in Shooting Affair at Sutherland, in Which Two People Were Killed, But State Dismisses the Charge.

Clearwater, July 12.—The case of the state against Fred K. Knowles, charged with complicity in the shooting affair at Sutherland about two weeks ago, in which Frank Osborne and Tan Curl were killed at Osborne's house, came up before Judge Evans yesterday for preliminary hearing, continued from last week.

The evidence at the preliminary trial last week was much stronger in favor of Knowles than it was against him, and yesterday when the hearing was called, State Attorney McMullen waived argument and an agreement was made to release Knowles on the grounds that the evidence against him was not sufficient to order him held for investigation by the grand jury. Knowles left at once for his home in Tarpon Springs.

J. Wilbur Cooper, the Tarpon Springs constable, charged with killing Osborne, is in the county jail awaiting action by the grand jury.

## NEW NATIONAL PARK.

First One East of Mississippi to Be in Maine.

Washington, July 12.—Creation of the first national park east of the Mississippi, comprising 5,000 acres, on Mount Desert Island, Maine, was announced here yesterday by the interior department. It will be known as *Sieur de Monts National Monument*.

The tract, noted for its rugged beauty, was donated to the federal government by its present owners. Its northern boundary is only a mile from Bar Harbor. There are ten mountain peaks and four lakes within the tract.

## PRESIDENT SIGNS THE GOOD ROADS MEASURE.

Washington, July 12.—President Wilson has signed the good roads bill recently passed by congress authorizing the expenditure of \$85,000,000 in three years by the government, providing the states appropriate an amount similar to that apportioned to them. The signing was witnessed by members of the house and by members of farmers' organizations.